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Dances and dresses at Fashion Fallies see page 14

Hosted by Barr Gilmore, this year's Fashion Fallies event on Nov. 9 featured 47 creations by 38 artists/designers vying for five awards, decided by the audience and three judges: Jim Blake, Andria Cowan Molyneax and Barb Schofield. The sold out event included door prizes, a photo booth, refreshments, musical and dance entertainment by local and out-of-town talent. At the end of the night, the creations were on display for the public to view. See more photos on page 14. /DARREN LUM Staff

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‘Jolly jog’ continues as fun event for all

DARREN LUM
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Get into the holiday spirit with a comfortable pair of shoes and your best ugly sweater. Joyous runners and walkers of all ages will be travelling a route from the Haliburton Highlands Museum through Glebe Park and back in the upcoming sixth annual Ugly Sweater Run/Walk and Nostalgic Christmas.

Scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 25, the event starts at 10 a.m. with registration and an opportunity to add to your ugly sweater with adornment options.

This joint effort between the Municipality of Dysart et al and the Haliburton Highlands Museum continues to be special to organizers Andrea Mueller, recreation co-ordinator for Dysart, and Haliburton Highlands Museum director Kate Butler who say it brings them joy and leaves everyone who participates with a smile on their faces.

Mueller has been an organizer from the beginning and has always welcomed feedback from participants such as perennial participant Joleen Thomas, who walks and runs with her family. Mueller said Thomas calls this event a “Jolly Jog.”

“It’s fun, right?” Mueller said. It invokes that kind of jolliness and people are having fun. It becomes something that families are looking forward to doing. We have repeat visitors and people who are new coming out as well. It’s not a huge turnout. It’s not like we get hundreds of hundreds of people, but it’s definitely community [oriented], fun and focused. It fits in because there are so many Christmasy things taking place at that time. You can be creative and get some exercise while you’re at it.”

Butler said she likes that the run brings people into the museum.

“We love the fact that people can come back to the museum afterwards. We can be a warm-up spot and we can build in some Christmas activities and kick off the holiday season,” she said.

The four-kilometre run/walk and sweater judging is at 11 a.m. There is also 1.5-kilometre run/walk option. New to this year’s event: the run/walk course heads west to Glebe Park and into Halbiem Crescent and returns. This direction came after organizers received feedback from participants who didn’t want to walk along or cross any busy roads such as Highway 118. At noon (or whenever participants return), the Nostalgic Christmas with crafts, treats and celebrations “inspired by yesteryear,” according to Dysart et al’s website, will begin.

“Christmas really is so much built on nostalgia. The things you might remember doing yourself as a kid. You might not want to call that history. Nostalgia and those family traditions you bring back again and again,” Butler said.

One example, she said, was a couple of years ago they recognized the 50th anniversary of the airing of the Charlie Brown Christmas special.

“Things like that that aren’t that long ago, but do make people nostalgic in that way,” she said.

This year the nostalgia component will be focused on history and traditions related to an international theme.

One example is the German origins of the gingerbread cookie, including the development of the recipe.

This will also include an opportunity to learn more about Christmas and how it is celebrated by other cultures. At close to 12:30, the Christmas Trivia Challenge will start and offers teams of all ages that participate a chance to win prizes. Questions will vary from the basic to difficult.

There is no cost for participation in any of the offerings, however donations will be gladly accepted. Proceeds will be given to the Elf Drive, which provides families in need with gifts and food for the holidays, held at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School.

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Christmas past, present and future

KATE BUTLER
Special to *County Life*

As I type this, it's looking like quite the winter wonderland out the window, which must mean that the holiday season will soon be upon us! Our modern holiday celebrations have their roots in tradition – with many of those traditions having been handed down to us by the Victorians. From Christmas trees to the modern Christmas card and Christmas crackers, the Victorians are often said to have "invented" Christmas as we know it. That said, there's one man who has been pegged as the person who invented Christmas, and that's Charles Dickens.

Dickens' holiday classic, *A Christmas Carol*, is marking a special anniversary this year – 175 years since its publication. He was reputedly inspired to write the piece after a visit to one of London's Ragged Schools, institutions which sought to provide free education for the poorest children of London in the 19th century. Dickens' tale of a miser's transformation was written at a time when Christmas celebrations were seeing a resurgence in popularity. His work really captured a moment in time, as Victorian Britain rediscovered the earlier traditions of Christmas, such as carols, and reconnected with the spirit of charity which had long been a part of the holiday. He wrote the piece in just six weeks and enlisted the help of his friend John Leech, later a cartoonist for *Punch*, to provide drawings to bring the rich imagery to life.

Six thousand copies of A *Christmas Carol* were printed and released on Dec. 19, 1843, and by Christmas Eve of that year, Dickens received word that it would be necessary to reprint, as the original run was sold out. These numbers might not seem so staggering to us today, but one needs to remember that this was an era before online shopping, social media and even the telephone. Throughout the intervening years, *A Christmas Carol* has never been out of print. Dickens travelled widely, delivering readings of the piece during his lifetime and adapting it for a listening, as opposed to reading, audience, then with the advent of film, the tale of Ebenezer Scrooge was brought to life in a whole new way. Amazingly the earliest film adaptation of the work dates from 1901 and seeks to ambitiously compress Dickens' whole narrative into just six minutes! For many, the 1951 adaptation with Alastair Sim is still the iconic version, while for others, it's the 1992 Muppet version (featuring The Great Gonzo playing Dickens!) which has become compulsory Christmas viewing.

This holiday season, however, we'd like to invite you to an event which connects to the early history of this classic. On Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 8 at 2:30 p.m., the Haliburton Highlands Museum, Highlands Little Theatre and St. George's Anglican Church will be partnering to present a dramatic reading of A Christmas Carol, accompanied by live seasonal music. Tickets are just $10 with a portion of the funds raised going to Fuel for Warmth in the spirit of the season. For more details, please visit www.haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com and join us for what we hope will become a new Haliburton holiday tradition!

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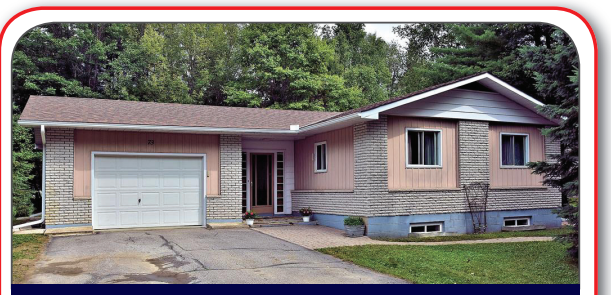

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Top 10 reasons to genetically engineer dragons

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

THIS MORNING, while shoveling my driveway for the first time this year, I had time to think about where we are going, as a civilization, in the future.

One of the things that occurred to me is that there will be many "scientific/medical" experiments and that most of these will be created by nerds. That means, of course, sooner or later, someone will create dragons. And hopefully a portion of these will be fire-breathing.

Before you object too strenuously, here are 10 good reasons why this should happen and why a dragon would make a great pet.

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3. The Beware of Dragon sign would be so cool.
4. Once you train it, who needs a barbecue?
5. You can't name a cat Smaug.
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7. No more deer eating the flower garden.
8. Fly south whenever you want.
9. The gold hoard alone will get you through retirement.
10. It can fetch moose.

Morning fog/LAURA SMITH Staff

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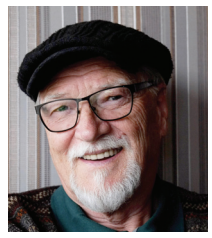
Festival of trees: the making of



GEORGE FARRELL
On Arts/Culture

THE THREE-DAY Festival of Trees event at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre is now in its ninth year, and it takes place on the same weekend as the Minden Santa Claus Parade and the Christmas Market.

For those not familiar with the Festival of Trees it's a major fundraiser for the Cultural Centre, and monies raised go towards programming and services at the centre. Last year more than $10,000 was raised. What a visitor will see is an array of creatively decorated Christmas trees, wreaths and garlands, gift baskets and gift certificates. These are donated by sponsors, who can either decorate their donations themselves or have volunteers do it for them. The trees, wreaths, baskets and certificates are spread throughout the buildings of the centre, including the museum and heritage village, the common room, and the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. Visitors can purchase raffle tickets for the opportunity to win each item displayed. I think it's the most beautiful wintertime event in the Highlands, and if you love Christmas, you won't want to miss it.

To put on such an event takes an incredible amount of work, and I spoke to Ruth O'Connell, the Curatorial Programming Assistant for the Cultural Centre, about what was on offer, and what was involved in putting the festival together.

"We have five new businesses that are decorating trees this year," O'Connell said. "So now we have 35 decorated trees, eight wreaths, numerous gift baskets, and a gift certificate to be raffled. In the Christmas gift shop we have homemade items from local artists and artisans for sale. Santa is coming on Saturday (Nov 24) after the parade, and there is also a candy shop. We have more candy this year and more varieties that you can eat while walking around, or take home with you. There will also be a kid's scavenger hunt with prizes, and a family photo booth. New this year is Santa's Café, sponsored by "Special Santa Sponsor" Up River Trading Co. "They are our biggest sponsor," said O'Connell, "and they donated financially, with a tree, and a gift basket."

The Festival was started by Pam Smith who was the head of the festival committee for eight years. "There would be no Festival of Trees without her," said O'Connell. Other long-time volunteers are Pat Campbell, Elli Welch, who ran the gift shop for seven years, and Jaklin Johnston. This year Johnston and Deb Mansfield are the head decorators. "There are 10 volunteers for the preparation and 20 on hand for the days of the event," said O'Connell, "but our biggest challenge is still volunteers-we can never have enough."

"Laurie Carmount (Cultural Centre Curator) has taken the lead role on the gift shop. We've partnered on the candy shop, and I've taken the lead on organizing the decoration of the trees and wreaths, and volunteer management," O'Connell explained. "We start in January and throughout the summer we're looking for Christmas trees to purchase at places like Canadian Tire, Home Hardware, and the Salvation Army in Fenelon Falls. We're looking for display models and for sales. In September we're getting our volunteer group together and sending out sponsorship letters to businesses, and to groups like the Historical Society, the Quilt Guild and the Spinners and Weavers. We also have to purchase candy-making supplies and determine what trees are needed as per sponsor's request," O'Connell added. "Plus we have to set up the schedules."

The Festival of Trees takes place at The Minden Hills Cultural Centre, 176 Bobcaygeon Rd., on Friday Nov. 23, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday Nov. 24, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m; and Sunday Nov. 25, from noon to 3 pm. Admission is $5/person (18 and older). Youngsters under 18 get in for free. Raffle tickets are $5 for six tickets, and the final draw will be held on Nov. 25 at 3pm. "It's kick-starting the Christmas season," O'Connell said, "and it's a beautiful, affordable family outing."

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BELINDA GALLAGHER
Garden Musings

NOT LONG BEFORE snow becomes a seasonal fixture, the forest edges surrounding our wetland share the last warm shades of autumn. The golden, conical teeth of tamaracks stand out against the dark green spruce backdrop. Some would be surprised to learn that these trees are actually cousins – both 'evergreens' in the pine family (Pinaceae) along with cedars, firs, pines and hemlocks.

Termed by some foresters 'an honorary broadleaf,' the tamarack is one of only a handful of cone-bearing, evergreen trees to shed its needles in the fall. Other deciduous (foliage-dropping) conifers that you might recognize are bald cypress, native to swamps of the southern USA; dawn redwood, a tree thought to be extinct but discovered live and well in China in 1941; and the botanically significant maidenhair tree, Gingko biloba, called a "living fossil" by Charles Darwin.

Our tamarack, also known as hackmatack, American larch, eastern larch, black or red larch is native to North America from Eastern B.C. to the Atlantic Provinces and as far south as Maryland. It is one of about 10 species of larch that can be found around the globe on cold, boreal plains and in mountainous regions of the northern hemisphere including Europe, Russia, China and Japan. One species, the Dahurian larch, grows in poor topsoil above permafrost in northeast Siberia and is the most cold hardy tree in the world.

Of the three species of larch native to Canada, two are found only in the west. The alpine larch, (Larix lyallii), occurs at high elevations in Alberta and B.C. and can be found in very, cold snowy areas on rocky soil. Single species stands are frequent and spectacular. Western larch (L. occidentalis), a very large tree, can typically reach heights of 50 meters and the age of 850 years according to the B.C. Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development. Found growing in valleys and on lower slopes in south-eastern B.C. into Alberta, it is more frost sensitive as it continues to grow from bud-burst in spring through to September rather than ceasing growth in July.

The botanical name for widespread tamarack is Larix laricina and the translation is quite revealing: it means the larch tree that resembles a larch tree! More meaningful, perhaps, is the translation of tamarack. Attributed to the Algonquin word akemantak, it means "wood used for snowshoes."

Actually, the uses of larch wood are many.

In Dunkeld, Scotland there is a handsome 280 year-old larch called the 'Mother Tree' or 'Parent Larch'. It is

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the last surviving tree of five seedlings planted in 1738 by the Duke of Atholl whose goal was to start a forestry industry to replace sheep as a livelihood for the local peasantry. By 1770 one of the trees produced cones and over a century of management, the nearby hills were covered with millions of conifers that not only stabilized the slopes but also provided lumber industry for the ship building industry.

Globally, larch is used for everything from windowsills to cutting boards. Natural crooks formed in stumps and roots were used as knees in wooden fishing boats and barges. Pierre Asselin in his article *For the Love of Larch*, notes that the tree has been used in North America for railway ties, pilings, water culverts, dock aprons, platform trucks and boxcars. Asselin writes, "Moreover, for more than 150 years barn floors were traditionally made of larch due to its resistance to wood moisture and the horses' hooves and urine!"

Tamarack poles are rot resistant and make long-lasting corduroy roads and fence posts. Indigenous people, across the range of the tree, consider it an important medicinal plant for ailments as diverse as frostbite and hemorrhoids.

Of course, I have to mention the horticultural use of larch. It is grown as an ornamental tree in cold regions around the world. Fast growing, the larch has four distinct seasons of interest. Twiggy branches of the winter silhouette give way to red flowers/cones and shaving brush-like rosettes of fine needles in early spring. The apple green, soft foliage darkens to a nice blue-green by summer and is punctuated by the maturing cones. Then, in late October the needles turn golden-yellow before falling to the ground and creating a perfect 70's shag carpet.

While the native tamarack might be too large for a typical yard, there are other choices. Slow-growing witches' brooms (see insert box for definition) from some species have been used to develop dwarf varieties suitable for home gardens. One of the best, in my opinion, is the architectural Larix decidua 'Pendula' a cultivar of European larch. Usually grafted on a two-meter stem, it has graceful sweeping branches that fall to the ground like a curtain. Other dwarf forms make interesting shrubs. Tamarack trees are also used in the oriental art of bonsai.

Worth noting is the fact that some of the tamarack trees we see in this area might be European larch (Larix decidua). That species was introduced to North America in the mid-19th century for reforestation projects when native stock was unavailable. As a result of those early plantings, the tree has naturalized throughout New England and parts of Canada.

Unlike our bog-loving tamarack, this tree prefers upland, drier sites. It has a graceful, drooping but elegant habit and as a bonus a long tradition of warding off evil spirits. In fact, European folklore describes infant children wearing "collars of larch bark as a protection against the evil eye".

In terms of ecosystem services, the larches shine. Unlike most other conifers, the canopy provides light shade. This allows many shrubs, perennials and grasses to grow happily beneath the sweeping boughs. Many species of local wildlife use the tree for food and nesting. Eastern cottontail rabbits, snowshoe hare, and porcupines munch on seedlings and bark. Squirrels eat the seeds along with birds such as song sparrow, white-throated sparrow, veery, grouse, chickadee, nuthatches, crossbills and several species of warblers.

Larches and tamaracks don't like pollution so they are not recommended for city street plantings. That is fine with me. I prefer having them here in the natural lands of Haliburton, signaling autumn's last hurrah.

For answers to your Haliburton gardening questions, there is a local Master Gardener group. You can contact them by email using the link found on their website www.haliburtonmastergardener.ca.

Witch's Broom

Witch's broom or witches' broom is a deformity in a woody plant, typically a tree, where the natural structure of the plant is changed. A dense mass of shoots grows from a single point, with the resulting structure resembling a broom or a bird's nest. It is sometimes caused by pathogens.

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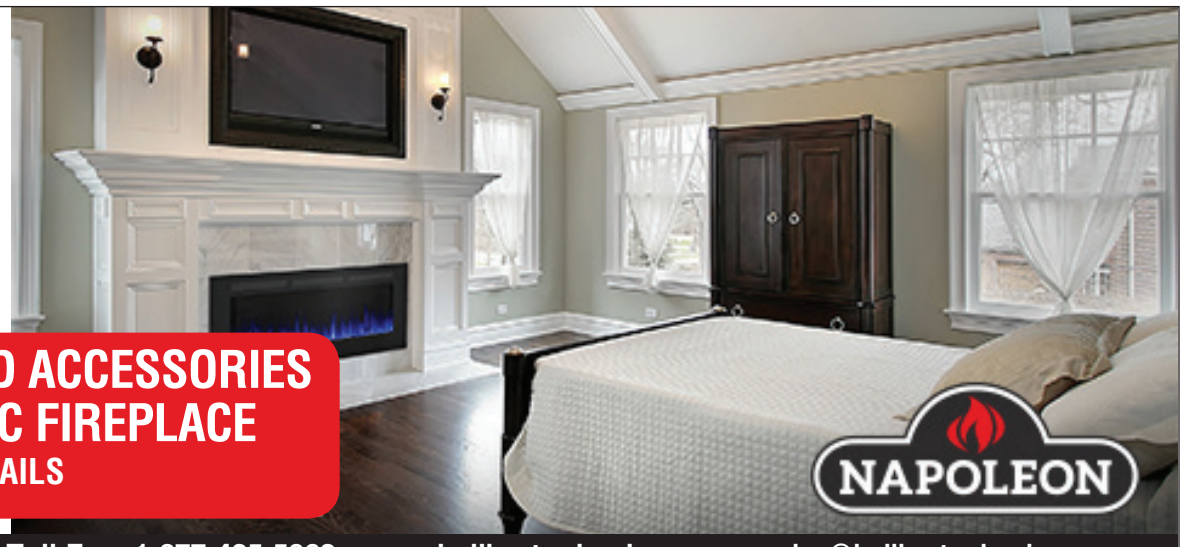

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Youth hub launches gift registry

Earlier this week, Point in Time and Haliburton Highlands Health Services announced that renovations to the Haliburton Youth Hub are underway. Building permits have been secured, and construction and renovation timelines in place.

Upgrades to Hali's Youth Hub include making the building accessible (stair/chair lifts and washrooms) and will require substantial rebuild; installing a small commercial kitchen; creating multi-functional recreational space upstairs, and downstairs counseling and quiet spaces. And of course, all the associated equipment and furniture to finish the space is needed too.

As per the funding agreements, the majority of the three-year funding received from Youth Wellness Hubs Ontario and the Haliburton County Development Corporation will go toward operating and staffing expenses to provide a broad range of services and supports delivered in an integrated fashion.

To bridge the gap in capital funds, and respond to a tremendously supportive community, a Hali Youth Hub Gift Registry is being launched. Set up on Point in Time's website (www.pointintime.ca) and using colourful pictures as examples of the goods that are needed, donors can direct their contribution toward the purchase of specific items or to the project generally. Contributions will be used solely to complete renovations and construction, purchase appropriate equipment, furniture and fixtures to finish the space.

"We're thrilled with how much the community is stepping up to support youth. Trades, businesses, residents, and youth are helping to make the YWHO Haliburton County a reality," says Marg Cox, executive Director of Point in Time. "It's real evidence of how valued youth are as members of the community and how the community recognizes the future that they hold," adds Stephanie MacLaren, VP of community programs with HHHS.

The Haliburton Youth Wellness Hub is being co-designed and led by youth, for the youth of Haliburton County. Many community services are coming together with leadership from Point In Time and Haliburton Highlands Health Services to support youth in developing this collaborative, multi-use space. The Hub will be a one-stop shop for access to mental and physical health services, employment, housing, educational supports, workshops and a welcoming space for youth and their creativity.

The Youth Wellness Hub is located at 12 Dysart Ave., in Haliburton. It's just down the street from the new Haliburton Junction Skate Park and Arena and is within walking distance of all of the youth-serving schools in Haliburton.

Haliburton was just one of six youth hubs to receive funding out of the 39 applications to Youth Wellness Hubs Ontario, funded by the provincial government. The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, and the Ministry of Children and Youth Services are providing support to the project.

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Lee Gauthier is a member of the Algonquin Highlands writers' circle. For more information visit ahwriterscircleblog.wordpress.com

The Golden Tree

(with apologies to Housman)

Loveliest of trees is not the cherry
Sly seducer of the merry
Touting flimsy bells and whistles
Cherry's dress deserves dismissal
Pink and white, a few days' call,
Are not the highest lure of all
As I, a seeker of the quiet
Choose a golden over riot

In the northern woods there grows
The tamarack, whose fading shows
That glory shines in humbler form
Needles don't get snatched by storm
Its green-to-yellow journey waits
Till all the maple red abates
Then suddenly the troops appear
All flaxen feather, bold and clear

So true to self without the glare
Till brave old winter turns them bare
They beam like sunset in the wood
All wheatfield hues and ochre hood
Crown jewels are not their springtime show
But stately, modest fall-tide glow
That, as a secret army, stays
On watch for many extra days

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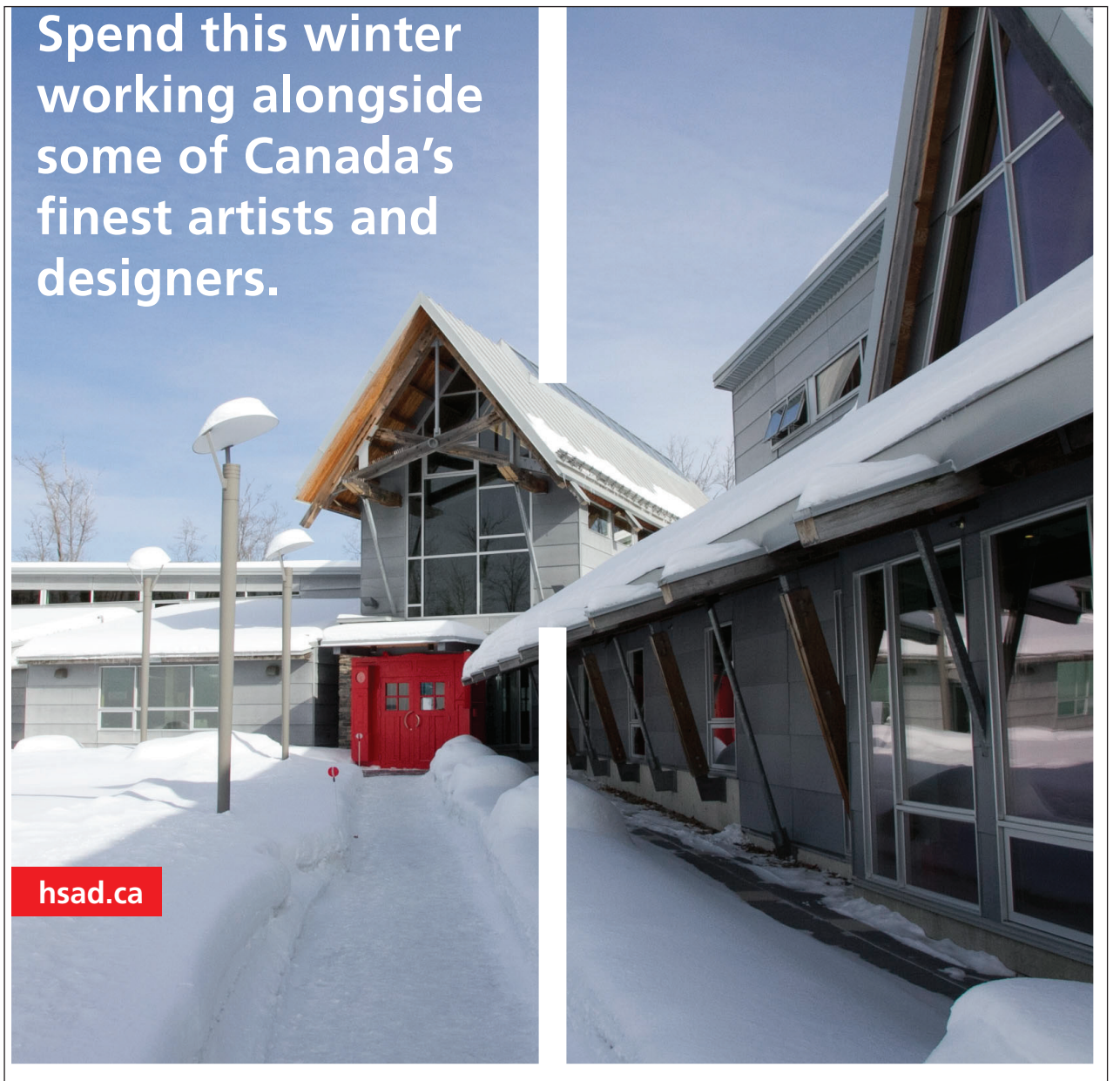
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Noelia Marziali lets people feel the shawl that was available to be won.

Noelia Marziali models her own creation Leather and Light - laser cut leather crown - at the wearable art event .

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Carcasses of trees sprawling
on the shore,
splinters and shards,
hollowed and charred,
others pale as Sky beneath
which I stand,
the silence somehow amplified by the
forest of bones
that sprouts from the sand,
my hand reaching out to catch a leaf
as it floats through Air,
landing on one of the relics instead.
I wade through wet sand and leaves,
towards the stump that
used to be a tree,
struck by the beauty of
its twisted limb,
stripped and polished by Wind to the
smoothness of stone,
as my fingers roam along the bone,
feeling where bark use to be,
when the tree's branches once swayed
in the Wind,
its leaves roaring like the sea.
I pluck the leaf from the limb,
inhale the smell of its crumpled skin,
trace the veins that resemble my own,
before I place it back down
on the bone,
like placing flowers on my great-
grandparents' tombstone.
My feet steer me through
the sludge of sand,
towards the curve of the water's edge,
clear and shallow enough for me to
see
this hollowed stump springing from
the water,
its roots clawing at the lake bed, claw-
ing at what remains,
the relic of this drowned tree,
still, somehow, alive to me,
as I watch the leaves
drift though the Air,
some landing on the face of the Lake,
one grazing the stump as it falls,
others landing on mounds of sand,
surrounded by this forest of bones,
that maybe birthed the forebearers,
from whose branches these leaves fell,
the shadows of tree bones shrouding
the leaves,
as shards of Sun splinter the clouds.
I walk back towards the road, shack-
led to my shadow,
the way roots are to their trees,
letting it lead me
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When: Thursday Dec. 6, 1 to 4 p.m.
Where: HHLT Office, 739 Mountain St. Haliburton
Enviro-Hero Awards announced at 2 p.m.
Drop in, enjoy a snack, and say hello!

Kinmount Christmas in the Village
When: Sat. Dec. 8
Free Family Fun! Breakfast with Santa St. James Anglican Church, Farmer's Market & Crafts for Kids at Kinmount Community Centre, Kinny Elf Hunt – Find Kinny and receive an Instant Prize at 13 locations, Special Prize at Kinmount Artisans Marketplace and Free Draw too. Horse Drawn Wagon Rides, Face Painting & Refreshments at Library with free book for each child, Family Lunch & gifts for kids 10 & under at Legion. Christmas Music Night at Galway Hall with The Leahys, Desserts & Christmas Fun. Tickets $15. 705-488-2635. Visit us on facebook or kinmount.ca for more information.

Legion Events

Branch 636 Minden
Monday – Thursday Lunch 12 to 2 p.m.
Tuesday Special liver day, regular menu also.
Friday 12 to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., Fish, Chicken Wings, Fries and Onion Rings.
Daily events:
Monday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers. (every two weeks)
Tuesday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Senior art group. 1 to 4 p.m., Bid Euchre,
Wednesday 12 - Meat Draws, 4 butcher quality meats for $1 a ticket. 1 to 4 p.m., Ladies Darts, 5 to 7 p.m. Calorie Counters.
Thursday 7 p.m. Darts. 7 p.m. Euchre
Friday Every second week, Karaoke with Fred and Linda, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.
Saturday Special Lunch every week with meat Draw at 1 p.m.
Sunday Sports Day 12 to 4:30 p.m.

Branch 624, Wilberforce
Friday Community Care lunch 12 p.m. Call Denice Butler to book 705-448-2221.
Everyone 55+ Welcome
Wing night 6-9p.m. Jam session 7:30p.m
Saturday Meat Draw- Early Bird - 3p.m.
Sunday Remembrance Day 10:45 at the cenotaph. Lunch at the branch to follow for a donation
Monday Bid Euchre 7 p.m. Beginners welcome
Tuesday General meeting 7p.m. Lots of decisions will be discussed on moving forward please come out and take part.
Wednesday Fun Darts 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.
Thursday Paudash snowmobile meeting 6:30p.m.
Upcoming events
Dec 1 - Wildlife dinner. $20 tickets available at the branch
Dec 31 - Live band "Duel Exhaust" Country/Classic Rock/50's/Down East Music
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Branch 129, Haliburton
Dave Allen, PRO 705-457-2571
Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1 p.m.
Tuesdays: Tuesday Night Dart League starting at 7pm
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start
Bingo Doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. - $500 Jackpot, $1,000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, Mar through Dec., starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend.
Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month, 1 p.m.
Fridays: Cribbage 1 p.m. start, Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw - 6:30 p.m.
Tickets are $2 per draw. Chester Howse, MC
Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw, Tickets are $1 each from noon onwards
Sundays: Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. $6 per person.
Occasional volunteers are needed.
Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at (705) 457-2571, email rcl129@bellnet.ca or visit haliburtonlegion.com Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129. Everyone is welcome!

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Balsam Lake $549,000

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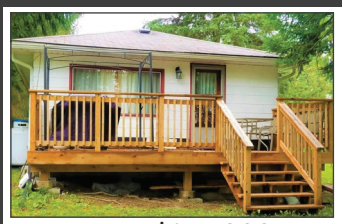
- Large wooded, private lot

Drew Bishop**
457-2128 x23

Kennisis River $105,000

- Private riverfront, year-round municipal access
- Natural setting, miles of canoeing or kayaking



Dagmar Boettcher**
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Beech Lake $375,000

- Turn key 720 s.f. cottage on Beech Lk
- 3 bedrooms with many upgrades
- Flat .78A lot with sand beach

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West Lake Lots from $242,500

- 2 beautiful waterfront lots to choose from
- Township road, terrific building sites on each
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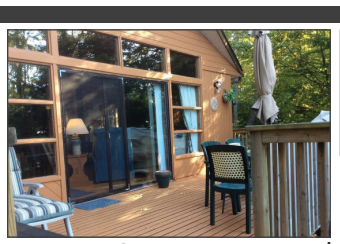

Gloria Carnochan*
754-1932

NW Exp, Sunsets, Kennisis $549,000

- 3 Bdrm, Yr Rd Cottage, Open Concept LR/DR/Kit
- Wood Flrs, Cathedral, Back Split To Bdrms, Sauna
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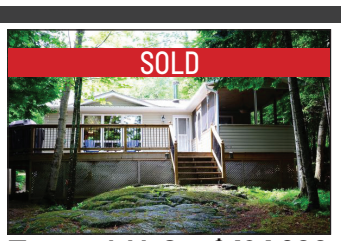

Mark Dennys*
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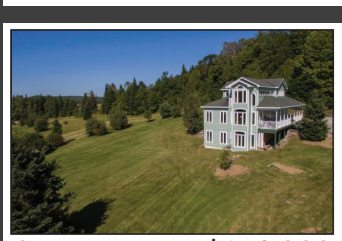
Tamarack Lk Ctg $434,900

- Aprx 104 Ft Frtg, 0.7 Acres, 878 Sq Ft
- 3 Bdm, 4 pc Bath, Bunkie
- Screened-in Porch, Close proximity to GTA



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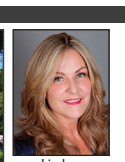

Lindsay Elder**
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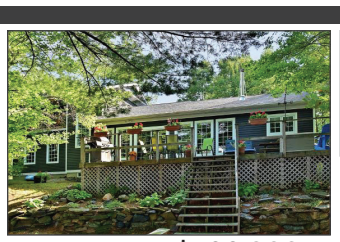
Brady Lake $439,900

- Recently Renovated Cottage or Home
- 3 bedrooms plus a bunkie, superb privacy
- Sand Beach & Dock just across quiet road



Lee Gauthier**
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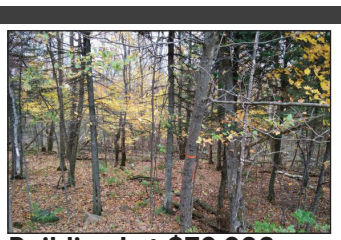
Kushog Lake $799,000

- Architecturally designed home/cottage
- 3+bedrooms/2 bathrooms – privacy
- Perfect shoreline and sunset exposure



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Building Lot $79,900

- 9 Acre Residential Lot - Minden
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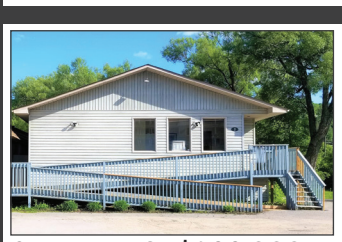
- Year-Round Access, Driveway in, Hydro to lot



Fred Heinzler*
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2 Victoria St $399,000

- Commercial waterfront
- Wheelchair accessible ramps
- Town sewers, drilled well

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Haliburton Commercial $309,000+HST

- Prime location on an Industrial Road
- Solid 2400 sq ft building on a large lot
- Security fence & gate, lots of parking

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Miskwabi Lake $899,900

- Nicely updated 3 Bedroom cottage/home
- Deeded access to 2-lake chain
- Detached garage, newer kitchen, bath, roof

Rosemarie Jung*
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NEW Minden Home $339,900

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- Low Maintenance Lot
- Main floor living

David Lee*
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Minden Home $219,000

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- 3 bedrooms fireplace with insert
- Large private deck

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Kashagawigamog Lake $62,000

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Chandos Lake $485,000

- 3 Season cottage with outstanding lake views
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- Close to Lk w/ stepped pathway to lakefront patio

Kirsten Rae*
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Algonquin Highlands $204,900

- Updated Interior, 2 bedroom, 2 bath home
- Good highway access & public lake access nearby
- Private level lot, 10 minutes to Minden

Darlene Reil*
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Wilberforce Home $99,000

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Cedar Lake $319,000

- A true Canadian classic 3 bdrm log cottage
- Open main level with a view of the lot & lake
- 26 ctges on the lake, surrounded by crown land

Melanie Vigrass*
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Maple Lake $449,000

- 3 Bdrm/1 bath winterized cottage/home
- Extensively Renovated, Stunning Views
- South Exp, Sand Shoreline, 0.42 Acres

Lindsay Wilkinson
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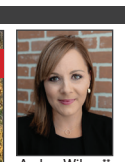
Deep Bay Rd $379,900

- 5 Bdrm, 3 bath home on 1.5 acre level lot
- Great home for large or growing family
- Minutes from Minden, but not "in town"



Andrea Wilson**
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Percy Lake $709,000

- Private beach on 2 sides of the property
- Cottage features 1300+ sq ft on 1.49 Acres
- 3 bdrms, 2 baths, loft, full basement & more!

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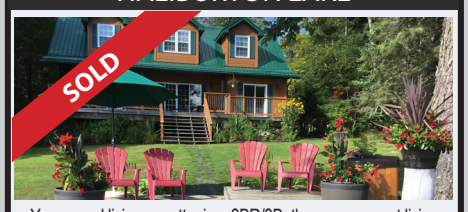

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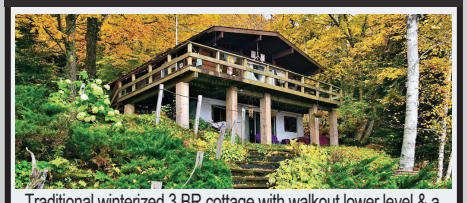

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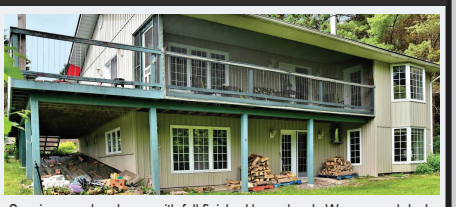

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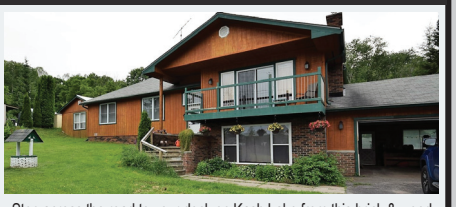

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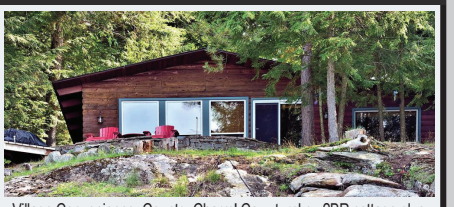

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Schools would likely close if there's a strike

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

In the event of a province-wide teachers' strike, Haliburton's school board could be left with no alternative but to close the doors to its schools.

"You have to consider the board's major concerns," said education director Brad Saunders. "Our main concern is for the safety of the students and, number two, for board equipment and property."

If the threatened strike were allowed to run long and if other school employees refused to cross the teachers' picket lines, then Haliburton's board may have to shut down schools in the interests of the students' well-being, Saunders said.

"If the entire staff — teaching and non-teaching — made the decision to go out on an illegal strike, then I think parents would agree the board would have concerns for the children's safety."

Unions representing Ontario's 126,000 teachers are threatening to wage an illegal strike as early as Wednesday unless the provincial government withdraws or changes Bill 160.

Teacher union leaders were to meet with newly appointed Education Minister Dave Johnson yesterday to discuss the bill.

In a letter sent to boards across the province last week Johnson said school boards have a duty to keep schools open dur-

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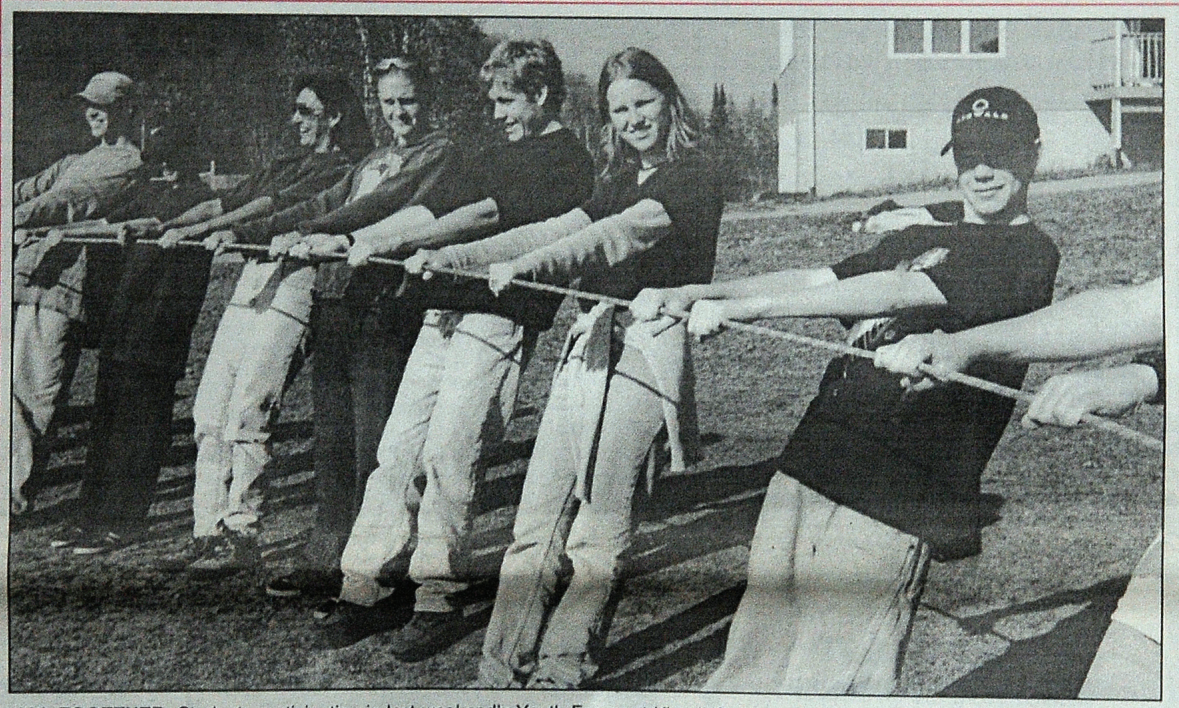

ALL TOGETHER: Students participating in last weekend's Youth Forum at Kinark Outdoor Centre finish off their three-day stay with a final group-building exercise. The first few youths hanging on to the rope are, from right: Justin McConnell, Steve Cowen, Jenn Orpana, Bryn Gray and Aleka Lilius.

Youth-friendly future forecast at forum

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Youths from across the county have seen a glimpse of what the future could hold for them and they want to make sure the vision doesn't fade into the past.

Students who attended the county's first Youth Forum over the weekend want to create a Highlands where any kid can hop on the new bus service and go to the new youth centre to hang out with friends. Or head over to the recreation centre for a swim or a talk with the youth counsellor. Or maybe they'd take in the youths' arts show in the park or watch a baseball game in the new county-wide sports league.

But before any of those dreams — some of them clearly very ambitious — can be turned into reality, participants at the Youth Forum recognized they have a lot of work ahead of them.

Forty-one young people, ranging in age from 11 to 19, took part in the three-day forum held at Kinark Outdoor Centre.

After brainstorming sessions on Friday evening and Saturday, four focus groups gave presentations Sunday afternoon on programs and services they feel are priorities needed for youths in the county, including:

- improved transportation opportunities;
- a youth drop-in centre;
- a recreation centre;
- and a skateboard park.

Casey Ogle and Abbie Hagerman noted that it is often difficult for kids to get together with their friends after school hours and on weekends.

If their parents can drive them where they want to go they are stuck because there is

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New health minister will be at Friday's sod-turnings

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Friday's sod-turning ceremonies for the two new health-care facilities in Haliburton County will be getting the Minister of Health's official blessing after all.

On Friday, Elizabeth Witmer announced she wasn't able to attend the much-awaited occasion in both Haliburton and Minden. Over the weekend, however, she had a change of heart and on Monday announced she would be able to take part in the double ceremonies at Hyland Crest and Haliburton Hospital.

This is welcomed news for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board, which had seen the Minister's presence as a clear indication there was no turning back on the projects. By having the top health official present, along with MPP Chris Hodgson, who is now chair of the province's management board, it was felt it would be almost impossible for the province to pull out of adding an emergency department to an upgraded Hyland Crest and building 30 long-term care beds at Haliburton Hospital.

Countering public cynicism and a wait-and-see attitude is vital to the board, since the last time a hospital project was ready to go ahead – the 18-bed chronic care unit at Haliburton Hospital back in 1989 – the then-Minister of Health froze construction at the last minute. The board had therefore decided not to stress its fundraising ambitions until the public could see the projects were indeed going to become a reality.

When the ceremonies were first planned – for 1 p.m. in Minden, 2 p.m. in Haliburton, followed by a public reception at the PineStone at 3 p.m. – the Minister of Health was Jim Wilson. In the cabinet shuffle two weeks ago, he was replaced by Witmer, who initially did not believe she could fit the ceremonies into her schedule.

The public is encouraged to attend the sod turnings or public reception as a way of celebrating the future hopes for enhanced healthcare services in the county.

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